

## Leaders Chosen For RC Drive

Latest group in Torrance's Red Cross campaign organization to report leadership line-up is the commerce and industry division, according to Albert Isen, area chairman.

Slated to assist Mervin M. Schwab as commerce and industry chairman are the following who will act as majors during the 1955 campaign: J. H. Ayres, General Petroleum; James B. Bradley, Doak Aircraft; Joseph Burley, National Supply; John Jack Day, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary corp.; John Henninger, Dow Chemical; Milton Hunter, 16715 Falda Richard Way, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.; and George Powell, City Hall.

Also: Stuart Avery, Southern California Edison Co.; Robert Leech, California bank; Frank Schmidt, Pacific Smelting Co.; and John Tweedy, Bank of America.

In announcing the names of the new Red Cross appointees, Isen said that the commerce and industry chiefs expect to stage a meeting this week for the purpose of outlining their respective volunteer duties.

## BUILDING . . .

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the \$75,000 Halverson mortuary, corner Cravens and Engracia.

Also begun was the new central Torrance fire station, valued at \$193,000 at Carson and Crenshaw.

Permits were taken out for four churches valued at \$62,300 total.

## Bloodmobile

An opportunity to start a "Blood Bank" will be available to Torrance social, veteran, union, service and fraternal organizations when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its next call in Torrance on Monday, February 14th, Virginia Jones, committee chairman, announced today.

A call to Torrance women who have two or more hours to spare for local Red Cross office or bloodmobile activities, has been issued by Albert Isen, chairman of the Torrance branch. The need for volunteer workers has grown with the growth of Torrance, and Isen has asked the women who can offer their services to call Mrs. McMillon at FAirfax 8-0510.

## ANNEXATION . . .

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that it was "wise to look into the State program."

Dr. Rollin Smith, Board member, recommended that the information be obtained "orally."

### Hull's Letter

Dr. Hull's original letter asked for the answer to the following two questions: "Would it be practical for the Board to consider the financing of this program through the State building program as it now exists? Or "would it be a wiser move to follow present policy and continue to use our own resources until no other way is left?"

Till now, the Torrance Unified School district has operated without State aid.

"We feel that we can save costs and make our funds go farther under our own control than under State control," Dr. Hull wrote. "We want to avoid the controls of the State program, because of the economy factor, but we don't want to be blind about it."

Among the facts pointed out were the following:

The school building program over an 11-year period for the present area of Torrance would call for expenditures totaling \$10,000,000.

A total of \$4,245,578 would be raised through a proposed \$1 override tax to be financed for five years.

In the event annexation becomes a fact, a \$12,000,000 building program would be necessary, according to Hull's letter.

This means a capital outlay of about \$25,000,000 by 1956.

**Taxes and Jurisdiction**  
In another letter to the County Counsel, Hull asked for clarification of several legal questions involving the proposed territory to be annexed.

The School District would like to know if the new territory would have to pay an override tax if it is annexed after the tax election.

Secondly, Hull would like to know if the new area would have to assume the present School District's bonded indebtedness.

Hull also asks for clarification on whether the new area would fall automatically within the Torrance School District once the city of Torrance annexes it or whether the area could be left under the districts now having jurisdiction over it.

## Robt. Patton Promoted At Fort Lewis

Robert W. Patton, son of Oscar H. Patton, 241 E. Dominguez street, Torrance, recently was promoted to sergeant at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is serving with the 2nd Infantry Division.



FATHER AND SON . . . Pfc. Levern W. Raymond and his son, Pvt. Lawrence W. Raymond, 17, are members of the local unit of the National Guard which has just set up headquarters in Torrance. The two are busy constructing a miniature model of a widened steel treadway bridge used to cross waterways.

## Father-Son Team In Local Guard Unit

"From Boy Scouts to the National Guard — we've always done things as a team."

Those are the words of Levern W. Raymond and his son, Lawrence, a father-and-son team who recently joined the Torrance unit of the National Guard.

Both Raymonds are enthusiastic about their newest venture.

"We went through scouting together," the older Raymond stated, "and now that my son is of draft age, I persuaded him to join the Guard and I joined with him so we could continue as a team. We've always done things together."

The older Raymond is a carpenter by trade and works for Pomeroy Construction company in Torrance. The Raymonds live in Gardena. Larry, who is 17, goes to Leuzinger High school.

### Wonderful Education

"I recommend the Guard to every young man," the father continued earnestly. "You get a wonderful education that's hard to beat. This is the only country in the world where you can get such education and get paid for it besides. A lot of fellows get the wrong idea and say they don't want to be in the Guard . . . but you must understand the Guard in order to appreciate it."

One thing that the Raymonds are proud of is that the local Bridge company trains them not only for war-time engineering work but it actually participates in constructive community projects in Torrance.

One such is helping with the construction of a Little League baseball diamond.

**Trains Tuesdays**  
Bridge company trains every

Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Further information may be obtained by calling First Sgt. John Garcia at FA. 8-6055 or FR. 2-6611.

The unit's temporary headquarters is located in the old Civil Defense building, corner Western on Torrance boulevard. Completion of Torrance's new armory is expected by summer.

## ELKS SLATE DANCE ON SATURDAY

Torrance BPOElks will hold a Pre-Institution dance this Saturday night, February 5, in the Alan Richard Hall at 1951 Carson. Dancing will begin at 9:30 and continue until 1:30, and the public is invited. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any Elk members.

The regular meeting of the lodge on Wednesday, February 9, will present the last opportunity for charter memberships, and those wishing to join the lodge should be present at that time.

The day of the institution of the local Elks lodge, Saturday, February 19, has been officially proclaimed by Mayor Drale as "Elks' Day" in Torrance. The day's ceremonies will be staged at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

## 'Mrs. Torrance' Candidate To Compete For State Title

Paul Diamond, chairman of the Mrs. America Contest sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, today outlined the future for the Mrs. Torrance candidate, who is to be selected from the entrants in the Torrance area. Entry blanks are now being distributed locally.

## OILMEN . . .

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through trunk lines to the main sewer line.

The oilmen are trying to get adequate bids on such a project at present, Johnston stated.

### Deadline

This action came just in time since the Water Pollution Control Board indicated that the State would crack down on all oil producers in the Torrance area oil fields whose disposal methods proved to be a threat to the underground water supply.

Oilmen were given till the beginning of February to come up with a recommendation for better disposal methods than those used at present, according to Johnston.

Johnston stated that measures will be taken against those oilmen who did not reply to the

"Our Mrs. Torrance," Diamond said, "will be sent to Inglewood where she will compete with the winners from Inglewood, Hawthorne, Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan, Hermosa, and Redondo Beach.

"The winner of this contest will receive a Whirlpool automatic gas clothes dryer and will be selected the official candidate to represent this area at the three-day state finals that are to be held at the world famed Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel. Accommodations for herself and husband will be furnished free."

Mrs. California is to be selected here. She will not only receive a completely new wardrobe, but a two week all-expense paid vacation for herself and her husband at Ellinor

board as to what they intend to do. What those measures would consist of could not be revealed at present.

vacation. The idea, site of the national finals, where, if selected as Mrs. America, she will receive over \$15,000 in prizes.

"Of course," Diamond added, "we expect and hope that our Mrs. Torrance goes to the top as Mrs. California and on to Mrs. America of 1956."

Any one interested in securing entry blanks or further information," said Diamond, "can call the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, FAirfax 8-4563.

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